

Remarks/Arguments

With reference to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 22, 2005, Applicants offer the following remarks and argument.

Election

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group 1, being claims 1-10 and 13-27.

Status of the Claims

Applicants have canceled claims 11-13 and 28 as drawn to a non-elected invention. The pending claims are claims 1-10 and 13-27, being the claims of Group 1.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in compliance with the Restriction Requirement of March 22, 2005 and describe an invention that is properly allowable to the Applicants.

If any issues remain unresolved despite the present amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number shown below to arrange for a telephonic interview before issuing another Restriction Requirement or Advisory Action.

Applicants would like to take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for a thorough and competent examination and for courtesies extended to Applicants' Attorney.

Respectfully Submitted

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